**Congressional Simulation Project**

**Essential Question: How do members of Congress balance the needs of their constituents, party, financial donors, and the nation as a whole when crafting and voting legislation?**

**Situation:** The Senate has to consider and vote on several very important bills, which could have tremendous impact on the future of the United States.

**Your role:** You and your team will be taking on the role of the staff of a member of the Senate. A Congressional staff does research and work on bills so that the member can have all the important information about bills before making a decision on how to vote.

**Your Task:**

1. Analyze the data about your state. Write a paragraph describing who lives in your state. Talk about what they do for a living. Be sure to cite statistics from your member’s data sheet.

2. Write another paragraph, this time on what your state needs from the federal government. Describe what it could do to help your state, and what it might stop doing or stay away from doing that might help your state.

3. **C**omplete the ***Legislation Analysis Report*** for your Senator. This report will analyze how the bills affect the people you represent and make a recommendation to the Senator on ten bills being considered during the current session. Be specific and cite data in your analysis!